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TAGS: PEPR, SS, AG  
SUBJECT: POLISARIO AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

REF: STATE 135959

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA REPORTED REFTEL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS EXPLICITLY LINKED POLISARIO TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND CITED ALGERIA'S LINKS WITH POLISARIO, PLO, AND PFLP AS EXAMPLE OF SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM THAT WOULD REQUIRE SANCTIONS UNDER ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION NOW PENDING IN SENATE.
2. THIS IS FIRST TIME DEPARTMENT HAS PUT POLISARIO IN SAME CATEGORY AS PLO AND PFLP. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, POLISARIO HAS NEVER, UNLIKE PLO AND PFLP, ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AS IT HAS HERETOFORE BEEN POPULARLY DEFINED; ALTHOUGH WE DO SEE HOW IT MIGHT COME UNDER BROAD DEFINITION OF S2236 (DRAFT II).
3. OUR CONTACTS AT PRESIDENCY AND FONMIN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BEGIN TO SEEK AMPLIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS' STATEMENTS. TO ARM OURSELVES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON BASIS FOR OUR STATEMENTS ABOUT POLISARIO AND ITS SUPPORTERS. STEPHAN

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